

CHAP. 171.—Joint Resolution Providing for the filling of a proximate vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution of the class other than Members of Congress.

February 9, 1925.
[S. J. Res. 154.]
[Pub. Res., No. 47.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution of the class other than Members of Congress, which will occur on January 6, 1925, by reason of the expiration of the term of Robert S. Brookings, of Missouri, be filled by the reappointment of said Robert S. Brookings for the ensuing term.

Smithsonian Institution.
Reappointment of Robert S. Brookings as Regent.

Approved, February 9, 1925.

CHAP. 172.—Joint Resolution Providing for the filling of a proximate vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution of the class other than Members of Congress.

February 9, 1925.
[S. J. Res. 155.]
[Pub. Res., No. 48.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution of the class other than Members of Congress, which will occur on February 25, 1925, by reason of the expiration of the term of George Gray, of Delaware, be filled by the reappointment of said George Gray for the ensuing term.

Smithsonian Institution.
Reappointment of George Gray as Regent.

Approved, February 9, 1925.

CHAP. 198.—An Act To amend section 558 of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia.

February 10, 1925.
[S. 3392.]
[Public, No. 388.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 558 of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia be amended so that it shall read as follows:

“**SEC. 558. NOTARIES.**—The President shall also have power to appoint such number of notaries public, residents of said District, or whose sole place of business or employment is located within said District, as, in his discretion, the business of the District may require: *Provided, That the appointment of any person as such notary public, or the acceptance of his commission as such, or the performance of the duties thereunder, shall not disqualify or prevent such person from representing clients before any of the departments of the United States Government in the District of Columbia or elsewhere: Provided, That such person so appointed as a notary public who appears to practice or represent clients before any such department is not otherwise engaged in Government employ, and shall be admitted by the heads of such departments to practice therein in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed for other persons or attorneys who are admitted to practice therein: And provided further, That no notary public shall be authorized to take acknowledgments, administer oaths, certify papers, or perform any official acts in connection with matters in which he is employed as counsel, attorney, or agent or in which he may be in any way interested before any of the departments aforesaid.*”

District of Columbia Code.
Vol. 31, p. 1279, amended.
Vol. 34, p. 622.

Notaries public.
Appointment by the President.

Provisos.
May represent clients before departments, etc.

Restriction if in Government employment.

May not take acknowledgments, etc., if interested in case.

Approved, February 10, 1925.

CHAP. 199.—An Act For the relief of Lieutenant Richard Evelyn Byrd, junior, United States Navy.

February 10, 1925.
[H. R. 9461.]
[Public, No. 389.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President

Richard Evelyn Byrd, jr.

May be appointed lieutenant commander, Navy retired list.

Proviso.
No back pay, etc.

is hereby authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, Lieutenant Richard Evelyn Byrd, junior, United States Navy, a lieutenant commander on the retired list of the Navy: *Provided*, That nothing contained herein shall entitle Lieutenant Richard Evelyn Byrd, junior, to any back pay or allowances.

Approved, February 10, 1925.

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[H. R. 10404.]

[Public, No. 390.]

CHAP. 200.—An Act Making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, and for other purposes.

Department of Agriculture appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, namely:

Secretary's Office.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SALARIES

Secretary, Assistant, office personnel, and extra labor.

Provisos.
Salaries limited to average rates under Classification Act.

Vol. 42, p. 1488.

If only one position in a grade.

Not applicable to clerical-mechanical service.

No fixed salary reduced.

Vol. 42, p. 1490.
Transfers to another position without reduction.

Payments under higher rates allowed.

Mechanical, etc., employees.

For Secretary of Agriculture, \$12,000; Assistant Secretary and other personal services in the District of Columbia, \$513,937; and for extra labor and emergency employments, \$7,294; in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923; in all, \$533,231: *Provided*, That in expending appropriations or portions of appropriations, contained in this Act, for the payment for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with "The Classification Act of 1923," the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed, as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade in the same or a different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit, or (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by "The Classification Act of 1923," and is specifically authorized by other law.

For salaries and compensation of necessary employees in the mechanical shops and power plant of the Department of Agriculture, \$93,000.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Contingent expenses.

For stationery, blank books, twine, paper, gum, dry goods, soap, brushes, brooms, mats, oils, paints, glass, lumber, hardware, ice, fuel, water and gas pipes, heating apparatus, furniture, carpets, and matings; for lights, freight, express charges, advertising and press clippings, telegraphing, telephoning, postage, washing towels, and necessary repairs and improvements to buildings and heating apparatus; for the purchase, subsistence, and care of horses and the purchase and repair of harness and vehicles, for official purposes only, including necessary expenses for the maintenance, repair, and opera-